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BLESSED ARE THE ANIMALS

THE O'NEILL-ANDERSON FAMILY WAS ONE OF SEVERAL THAT CAME OUT for the St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals service in the Parish of Stanley on Oct. 6 led by the Rev. Canon Bonnie LeBlanc. The family from Tay Creek includes Tanner; Claire, with Oreo the goat; Melody with Bitsy; Jim with Bonnie the donkey; Julie with Breeze, Owen and Kailey. See more on the service on pages 16-17.

A cry for help, and a parish's response

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The Anglican Parish of St. George has a unique proposition for the right person: free office space for a pastor/family therapist to set up a practice in the community.

They're looking for a Christian counsellor with a professional designation who will devote some time to the parish, but also build a clientele and serve the town of 1,500 on the

Bay of Fundy.

"It's an unmet need in the church and the community," said Mary Anne Langmaid, rector of St. Mark's. "I've walked it myself."

Not long ago, she took a bold step in the form of a poll of her congregation: How many here are being treated for some sort of emotional illness or love someone who is?

"85 per cent raised their hands," she said. "What do we

have in common? Mental health issues."

Mary Anne wasn't really surprised by the feedback. She sees it in the small community almost every day — parishioners, families, children, people connected to the church and community members coming in to talk about their issues, desperate for help that is often difficult to find.

She's taken people to counsellors, to hospitals that were

unfriendly and off-putting, and sometimes, there is no where to go.

"I see the pain of people and how they can't find help," she said.

This pressing need has been on the parish's mind for quite some time. They did some initial work with former parish development officer Ken Neilson, himself a certified counsellor and ordained minister. He came and checked out the space, supporting Mary Anne's and the parish's desire to meet the need.

Then the parish moved into a visioning exercise with current

PDO Shawn Branch, realizing they needed to move forward.

"The room is painted, the furniture is ready and we're back on track," said Mary Anne.

They have a job ad ready to publish and pray for the right candidate to take them up on their offer.

"This person must be a professional counsellor to be paid by insurance companies," she said. "And we will need to raise funds for those who don't qualify or run out of coverage."

"We want this person to work

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"SHARING HOPE & HELP"

DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS

Healing is the focus of the parish, says rector

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with us as a team member. We're Holy Spirit-driven so we need someone who wants that too."

While there is no shortage of family issues in the community, there are also plenty of individual needs that aren't being met.

"I want to have someone here, so I can say, 'we have someone. We'll get you set up. We have someone for you,'" she said. "For us to watch how healing happens when God's doing the leading, well, we've learned how God can actually heal. You don't have to live life just coping."

The parish's dream is to see families coming together, growing in faith and healing. They're already doing what they can to achieve that dream.

Thursday evenings in the parish are a time to come together, have a meal and then allow God to lead.

"We're open on Thursday nights for anything needed, for people to worship, to pray, interceding for whatever you're struggling with," said Mary

Anne.

"At least once a month we end up in some sort of prayer ministry. We read scripture, share and have discussion. Anything goes. And when something happy is going on, we lift that up."

On Monday nights at the church, mental health professionals are part of a support group for people dealing with depression, anxiety and stress.

With so many similar activities, it's easy to see where their heart lies.

"We're a healing church. That is our focus," said Mary Anne. "When we ask, 'what do we want here,' it always comes back to children and healing."

Barb Hoffman, a vestry member and retired teacher in the parish, backs the plan wholeheartedly.

"I believe it's something very much needed in the area," she said. "I know it's the same everywhere, but Charlotte County for some reason has high statistics."

Like Mary Anne, she's not sure how their plan will play out, but she believes the time is right to act.



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

THE REV. MARY ANNE LANGMAID, WITH CHURCH DOG RIPPLES, shows the office set aside for a professional counsellor/pastor to set up shop in the parish and the community.

"There is a push for the church to get out into the community and I believe we have to reach out and give help where it's needed," she said. "If we can be of help at all, it's important to do so."

There have been these low-key attempts to address

the issue, but actually seeking a therapist for their town and their parish is something quite different.

"We've been pursuing this for years, but this is a big, concrete step," said Mary Anne. "If I was asked, where would I take a

cause, it's this. This is our passion."

Contact the Anglican Parish of St. George for more details on the job description: revma@nb.aibn.ca

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM



Canada and the First World War — 1914-1918

Close to 61,000 Canadians were killed during the First World War, and another 172,000 were wounded. Many more returned home broken in mind and body. The small colony of Newfoundland suffered 1,305 killed and several thousand wounded.

The Dead

Some 619,636 Canadians enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the war, and approximately 424,000 served overseas. Of these men and women, 59,544 members of the CEF died during the war, 51,748 of them as a result of enemy action. The small Royal Canadian Navy reported 150 deaths from all causes.

No accurate tabulation exists for Canadians who served as volunteers in the Royal Navy or British Army. An additional 1,388 Canadians died while serving with the British Flying Services.

The Wounded

Of the more than 172,000 Canadians who reported wounds during the war, medical authorities classified approxi-



Canadian prisoners of war being led through Dieppe by German soldiers. Credit: Library and Archives Canada / C-014171 Source

mately 138,000 as battle casualties. No reliable method existed for tracking or treating psychological casualties, but authorities identified over 9,000 Canadians as suffering from "shell shock."

Canada and the Second World War — 1939-1945

More than 42,000 Canadians lost their lives as a result of the Second World War.

Canada played a strong role in defeating the Axis powers. The price of victory was high: approximately 23,000 Canadians laid down their lives serving in the army, 17,000 in the air force, 2,000 in the navy and 1,600 in the merchant navy.

Another 54,000 Canadians


were wounded and thousands would be physically impaired or psychologically scarred for life. Over 700 Newfoundlanders also died during the war.

Canadian war cemeteries around the world bear testimony to their sacrifice.


Canada since 1945

In the post-war years, Canadian Armed Forces personnel have served in such places as Afghanistan, the Balkans of Eastern Europe, Cambodia, Congo, Cyprus, East Timor, Egypt, Ethiopia & Eritrea, the Golan Heights of Syria, Haiti, the Korean War, the Persian Gulf War, Rwanda and Somalia.

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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

Synod season is here



This month, on Nov. 2, we are having our 137th Diocesan Synod — the first one in two years.

There are things which we hoped might have been discussed last year, but due to my circumstances, the meeting was cancelled. Two of the topics are vital to our future.

The first is the call to intentional discipleship. This is an initiative across the Anglican Communion. The plan is that we will all continue to discover what it is to be one of Jesus' disciples.

A disciple is someone who deliberately and diligently follows in the footsteps of their teacher. In our case the teacher is Jesus. He calls us to centre upon love for God and each other. We all do this to a greater or lesser



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS



DIOCESAN SYNOD OF 2017, with the Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, above, at the microphone.

extent.

Over the next few years, resources will begin to emerge to help us all with this. In fact, the process has already begun here with the visit of Michael Frost and others for the "Deep Roots" diocesan gathering earlier this year.

It is my hope that we will all join in with these initiatives as we are able.

A further initiative which will come out of Synod is the call for a Mission Action Plan (MAP) from each parish. These will vary in scope depending upon the parish and its capacity to undertake such things.

MAPs have proved successful in other parts of the Church. They try to defeat this old adage: if you aim at nothing you are about to hit it.

Please pray for our Synod and the delegates. It is often underrated as part of our life together, but as the years pass, it takes on greater significance.

*David Edwards is
Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.*



PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

NOVEMBER 2
DIOCESAN SYNOD

NOVEMBER 3
PARISH OF
ST. PETER,
FREDERICTON;
CELEBRATION OF
NEW MINISTRY OF
OF BRENT HAM IN
SHEDIAC

NOVEMBER 5
PARISH OF
KINGSTON - 230TH
ANNIVERSARY OF
FIRST SERVICE

NOVEMBER 6 - 10
COUNCIL OF
GENERAL SYNOD

NOVEMBER 17
* PARISH OF NEW
MARYLAND;
CELEBRATION OF
NEW MINISTRY OF
ANDREW HORNE
IN CAMBRIDGE &
WATERBOROUGH
AND GAGETOWN

NOVEMBER 20 - 23
PARISH OF
BATHURST
DINNER THEATRE

NOVEMBER 24
TRINITY CHURCH,
HALIFAX

NOVEMBER 29-30
DIOCESAN
COUNCIL RETREAT

DECEMBER 1
PARISH OF
ST. GEORGE;
MONCTON
LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 3
BISHOP'S COUNSEL

* CONFIRMATION



Mike Briggs

Finances & budgets

cases these efforts are taking place in the church halls or a re-configured worship space. To do this, and to continue, we need to keep the building open which means there are bills to pay.

Supporting the parish will enable the outreach work to continue as we help those on the margins of society who have fallen on hard times.

I know of one parish that is taking under-utilised land and turning it into mixed housing that includes subsidized spaces for those needing some help. In this case the parish has been given a helping hand from various levels of government, but they needed to ask first.

Not every parish can do this, but there are many ways of helping others. We need to encourage our lay and clerical leaders to be bold and imaginative when using parish assets. Do not be afraid to ask the congregations

for help, either financial or with volunteer hours.

Any new initiative will take a lot of planning and time, but it needs a first step and a concentrated effort to explain to the congregation why the parish is taking this action and what the aim is.

Asking for money to pay bills usually does not work. However, if the congregation sees a reason for the 'ask,' they are more likely to come on board.

I see examples of this every Advent as our local group of parishes come together to support a PWRDF initiative. We set a goal and in most years we exceed it. In some years we have collected double. It's easy to explain to the congregation, and they are generous. They just need to be asked.

When preparing your financial statements for 2019 and budgets for 2020, think about

the reasons behind the numbers, not just the numbers themselves, important though they are.

The biggest expenses are usually staffing and heating. Explain to the congregation what the building is used for other than services. How many of the congregation really know how a cleric spends their time?

Some know this as a narrative budget. We still need to present the income and expenses and capital items, but we need to do a better job of describing the programs behind the numbers.

Finally, when you read this, Remembrance Day will be a few days away. Stop and think of the sacrifices made over the years by the Armed Forces, first responders and others who put the needs of others ahead of their own.

*Michael Briggs is the diocesan
stewardship officer. He lives in
Moncton.*

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Cathedral's director of music dies suddenly

David L. Drinkell
1955-2019

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Christ Church Cathedral had the sad task of announcing the death of Mr. David Drinkell, BA, FRCO(CHM), ADCM, ARCM, director of music and organist at the Cathedral in Fredericton since 2016.

His death occurred Sept. 26 after a brief battle with cancer. He will be remembered not only for his gift of music, but for his storytelling ability that kept so many entertained. He was treasured by his Cathedral family. He leaves behind his wife, Elspeth.

His funeral was held Oct. 8 at the Cathedral, with Dr. Willis Noble as organist. The choir, led by member Dianne Wilkins, was bolstered by several extra members from other parishes, adding to their soaring sounds.

Fr. Paul Rideout, rector in the Parish of Rothesay, preached, reminiscing about his time as David's friend and organ student in St. John's, NL.

"He was a great friend and a great genius of church music," said Paul. "He had a way of making long rehearsals go by in a flash."

His interesting anecdotes and funny stories were always appreciated, but his familiarity with his life's work was astounding.

"His knowledge of every piece of music he played gave everyone a musical education," said Paul. "For David, there was no question about it. Music and worship were synonymous."

"Even though David is no longer with us, his music will go on in everyone uplifted by his gifts and those privileged to work with him."

Paul went on to reflect on how Christians deal with death.

"We sing today not only because that's what David would want us to do, but because that's what Christians do," said Paul.

"We can sing because we know death is not the end. We are sure today that David is more alive than any of us."

Dean Geoffrey Hall, David's pastor and work supervisor,

shared some thoughts as well.

"David had a hope in life eternal," he said. "It came through his music, through his relationships with all of us. Today we need to be thankful for that faith."

David was born in 1955 in Colchester, Essex, UK and studied music at Bristol University. He earned a Certificate in Education at Cambridge University.

His obituary states the following: *In 1979, he moved to Orkney in Scotland as an itinerant teacher of music, and was appointed as assistant organist at St. Magnus Cathedral, taking over as organist and choirmaster in 1983.*

In 1988, shortly after his marriage to Elspeth, he was appointed as organist and master of the choristers at St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, and in 2003 took up the post of organist and choir director at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in St. John's, Newfoundland.

He was an accomplished recitalist, and gave recitals all over Ireland, the British mainland, and in Canada and Norway.

His Friday noon recitals will be missed by many in the Fredericton area.

David is survived by his wife Elspeth; his mother Nora; sister and brother-in-law Clare and Andrew Tate; as well as a niece and nephew-in-law Eleanor and Lewis Harratt.

If you wish to make a memorial donation, Elspeth suggested the Christ Church Cathedral Organ Restoration Fund. David's obituary may be viewed at this link: <http://www.mcadamsfh.com/obituaries/141307>

Before moving to Fredericton, the Drinkells lived and worked in St. John's, NL, where David was organist at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and at Queen's Theological College.

His friends there have arranged for Elspeth to attend a Requiem Eucharist for David later this fall at St. Michael and All Angels' Church in St. John's, under the direction of rector Jonathan Rowe.



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS



THE VERY REV. GEOFFREY HALL prepares the altar for Holy Communion while the choir sings.

Fr. Paul Rideout, a long-time friend of David, preached at the funeral.

David and Elspeth Drinkell entertain at the Cathedral ACW Christmas gathering in December 2018.



"SHARING HOPE & HELP"

DIOCESAN NEWS

Bishop to remarry

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Big changes are coming for Bishop David Edwards. He is selling his house in Saint John and moving to Fredericton. Even bigger though, is his decision to get remarried.

Bishop David and his long-time friend, Debbie Collicott, recently announced their engagement. They will be married at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 4 at 11 a.m.

"We've known each other a long time," said Debbie, adding she was a parishioner at Stone Church in Saint John when he was rector there.

"This was just a gradual thing: let's have dinner... It just seems right to us," she said of their courtship.

"I do love David," she said. "I want to share my life with David — it's as simple as that. I'm very excited at the won-

derful next chapter to both of our lives. I like spending time with him. He makes me laugh."

The retired teacher has two grown children and two grandchildren, meaning the bishop will become a step-dad, and granddad to Grace, 7, and Isaiah, 2.

Debbie's daughter, Christy, will act as maid of honour, and fellow priest Paul Ranson will be the bishop's best man. The Rev. Michael Caines will preach and the Ven. Cathy Laskey will officiate.

The couple is not sending wedding invitations. Instead, they are inviting everyone to come, with two caveats: You must RSVP to Christy by Dec. 15. Call or text her at 506-260-3412. Secondly, they neither need nor want gifts.

"If you want to give, just give to PWRDF, or the charity of your choice," said David.

As for the groom, he's qui-



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

BISHOP DAVID EDWARDS AND HIS FIANCÉE, DEBBIE COLLICOTT, on the grounds of Christ Church Cathedral where they will marry on Jan. 4.

etly happy about this new turn his life has taken.

"I'm delighted that Deb-

bie has agreed to be my wife because I love her very much."

They are looking forward

to a celebration on Jan. 4 and many happy years together.



Youth retreat was bigger and better, already booked for next year

BY THE REV.
DAN MCMULLEN

Last year, during a cold snowy weekend in November, the youth groups from Rothesay, Hampton, and Jemseg gathered at Camp Medley for a Youth Alpha Holy Spirit Weekend.

This year, those groups, plus youth from Sussex Corner, Fredericton, and Grand Bay, did it bigger and better.

Over 40 youth and 10 youth leaders gathered at Camp Medley Sept. 27-29 for a 'Life Shared' Youth Retreat.

The focus of the retreat was learning simple and tangible ways to share your faith with those around you. The weekend was modeled around three sessions of worship, a video made by our friends at Alpha, discussion, and a message from one of the fantastic youth leaders present.

Besides these times, the group enjoyed lots of great food, tea and hot chocolate, board games, Just Dance, canoeing, gaga-ball, Frisbee, camp fires, and a cold, wet game of sardines in the dark of course!

The last weekend of September 2020 is already booked at Camp Medley for another youth retreat — hopefully even bigger and better still!



DAN MCMULLEN PHOTOS

THE FALL YOUTH RETREAT AT Camp Medley was a mix of worship, witness and fun.

"SHARING HOPE & HELP"

ACW QUIET DAY

ACW members enjoy Quiet Day

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The Diocesan ACW annual Quiet Day was a chance for about two dozen members to gather, share, read, pray, sing, worship and enjoy each other's company.

It was held Sept. 4 at the Church of the Good Shepherd in the Parish of Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel and Aberdeen in Florenceville-Bristol. The day's theme was God's Glory Portrayed In Nature. The Rev. Bob LeBlanc led the service of Holy Eucharist, which began the day and provided the music.

Bob based his homily on Matthew 6:25-34, which begins: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?..."

"So much is going on in the world — hurricanes, mass shootings, protests in Hong Kong. How can we not be affected by what's going on in the world?" he asked. "But God says 'don't worry. I am in control. I still call the shots.'"

But there are big questions, 'why' being the biggest, he said, and they are difficult to answer.

"What's God going to do about it? But God asks us, 'what are you going to do about it?'"

Bob listed the many ways worry affects health: productivity, mood, behaviour, and the level of trust we put

in God.

"The same Creator of the universe can be trusted with the details of your life," he said.

At the end of the service, Bob led a sing-song, which was much enjoyed by the members.

The day's events include a quiet time for members to choose a devotional book from the large selection available and spend about 30 minutes reading, meditating and praying.

Lunch was a delicious affair of corn chowder, chicken soup, biscuits and cakes, put on by ladies of the parish.

After lunch, the group walked a few blocks to the Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery to view exhibitions by Maria Doering and Dawn Steeves. Members enjoyed the gallery tour and admired the many pieces of art on display.

The day wrapped up with a devotional meditation by the Rev. Canon Bonnie LeBlanc of the Parish of Stanley.

She described herself as an extrovert on the extreme end of the scale, but "even extroverts retreat," she said. "There are times to 'be still and know that I am God.'"

She led the group through a reflection on the morning homily, through nature and God's care of it, encouraging members, with eyes closed, to be in the moment — to feel, smell, see and experience God's glory in nature.

Everyone thanked the parish organizers Lois Bramley and Wilma Inman and helpers for hosting. The morning's collection of \$195 was earmarked for Christmas outreach in the parish.



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: ACW MEMBERS AT THE ANDREW & Laura McCain Art Gallery; the kitchen crew of Clara Pirie, Wilma Inman, Connie Caldwell and Sherry DeMerchant, who served delicious soups and pies for lunch; members read and pray during the devotional quiet time; Lois Bramley during a reading; the Rev. Bob LeBlanc leading the service; lunch time was also a time of fellowship.

"SHARING HOPE & HELP"

L A Y R E A D E R S ' R E T R E A T

Layreaders gather for retreat

Despite an impending hurricane and a slight change in scheduling, 52 layreaders and clergy gathered at Villa Madonna Sept. 6-7.

The theme "Growing Together as Followers of Jesus" was profoundly felt throughout the event, especially during times of prayer, fellowship and song.

Music was led by the Rev. Andrew Horne with the assistance of Paul Mills, and was appreciated by all.

The Rev. Canon Bruce McKenna provided workshops highlighting two Ignatian approaches to prayer. The first, "Awareness Examen," is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us in our daily lives.

The second was "Lectio Divina," the one method of prayer fostered by all traditions of Christian spirituality and often thought of as meditative reading or spiritual reading. Both workshops were amazing reminders of the power of prayer.

Bishop David gave two wonderfully heartfelt presentations highlighting the important role layreaders play in their parishes and in the diocese. He asked layreaders to define and prayerfully recognize the discipleship aspect of their



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

LAYREADERS GATHERED for a retreat in early September at Villa Madonna in Rothesay. Here is the Rev. Canon Bruce McKenna with Sandra Black and Bonnie Sparks from the Parish of Richmond Corner. Below, Bishop David Edwards during one of his presentations.

spiritual journey.

He challenged each person to view their faith journey through different lenses, recognizing the places that God is at work in their lives and actively responding to discipleship opportunities.

As always the Villa Madonna was a welcome place for quiet reflection.

Submitted by Cleo Cyr, warden of layreaders.



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Mystery made Man*

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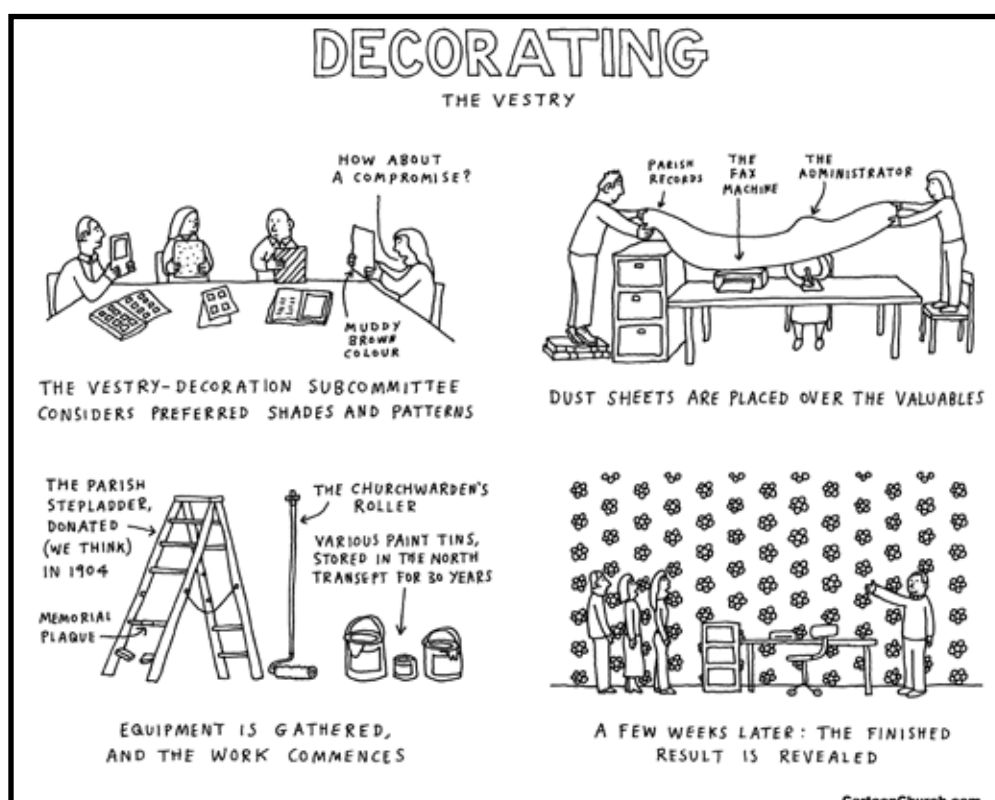
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Join us for 24hrs in Advent as we prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Christ-child, exploring the mystery and gift of 'God with us'.

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For more information and to register, visit: nb.anglican.ca/events/advent-retreat

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DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Diocesan Council meets in Miramichi

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The final meeting of the current make-up of Diocesan Council took place Saturday, Sept. 21 at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Miramichi, in the Parish of Newcastle-Nelson-Hardwicke.

Bishop David Edwards opened the meeting with a report on his time at the House of Bishops that week, the first one led by new Primate Linda Nichols. David noted the many good news stories coming out of various dioceses, ones that are "unmeasurable in dimes and nickels," he said.

He noted the two issues on the agenda of the national church for the next three years are climate change and evangelism.

His homily also dealt with evangelism.

"It's a gift of the Spirit, given so people will hear the good news," he said. "Some assume every Christian should be an evangelist, but it's not biblical. We are called to be witnesses."

Evangelists are gifted with communication skills that help people understand the gospel, but not everyone has that gift, he said.

"One thing lost in our church is the ability to identify evangelists and allow them to run free," he said, adding they can be difficult people who shake things up. As a result, they are often pushed to the margins, where they are stuck.

"I suggest we need to identify those with this gift and encourage them so our church becomes more mission-centred. Yes, we need pastors and teachers, but evangelists are very necessary.

"As we enter this new triennium, we need to work on this task to free up the evangelists to do their work."

FINANCIAL REPORT

Diocesan treasurer Heather Harris-Jones gave a report which included the news Shared Ministry participation is at 98 per cent. As well, a bequest of \$43,000 was received during the summer. Finally, the diocese is taking over the e-offering program from Jean Wilson, who wishes to retire. That process is underway.

Heather noted that the diocese is doing very well in managing costs, and on other issues over which the diocese had control. However, the income statement for January-August 2019 she presented showed a net loss of \$100,395, which is blamed on lower investment revenue as a result of volatile markets.

"We'll be monitoring that and taking steps to see what else we can do," she told council. "We need to make some changes so our rate of return is higher. I believe we can be doing better. That's why I'm looking at proposals."



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS



TOP: BISHOP DAVID EDWARDS PREACHES during the opening service of Diocesan Council; **LEFT: Robbie Griffin** during his presentation on the Diocese of Ho; **ABOVE: Vicky Richard and Kathy Page** set the tables in preparation for lunch, with the Rev. Thomas Nisbett in the background.

DIOCESE OF HO

Robbie Griffin, chair of the Companion Diocese Committee, gave a presentation on his needs-assessment trip to Ho that took place in May. He outlined two potential projects, through partnering with the Rotary Club, that resulted from the trip: an Anglican high school and a mobile health clinic. He visited every parish, and talked to every priest and many parishioners.

"The number one comment in each parish was 'we need health care,'" he said. "One parish just had a cholera epidemic. Typhoid is still rampant there, and maternal and pre-natal care are on everyone's mind."

The idea is to buy a bus, equip it

with the necessary tools and supplies, put a doctor and nurse on it, and send it out to parishes.

"People are very reluctant to go to Ho," said Robbie. "They don't go there unless they're very sick. They go there to die. There is no transportation [system]. Getting medical care out to the parishes has much more impact."

The second project is the creation of a high school on a plot of 20 acres the diocese owns. Schools in Ghana are operated by churches, and once a school is operating, the government will provide teachers and books, but they won't build. The Ho school only goes to Grade 9.

"It's the second most important issue

on their minds," said Robbie.

If an Anglican wants to go past Grade 9, their only choice is the Catholic school. To do that, a deal must be struck with the Catholic bishop.

"Every seat going to an Anglican means a Catholic doesn't get to go," he told the council.

The hope is to build a 500-student high school as a long-term, five-year project. The snag in the plan is that Rotary does not construct buildings. It does, however, operate clinics, and just funded two of them in India, which could be used as a model.

Clinic funding could look like this:

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DIOCESAN COUNCIL



ABOVE: HEATHER HARRIS-JONES gives the treasurer's report. From left: Gil Carter, Heather, Sandy MacPherson, Ted Quann, & Keith Osborne. **ABOVE RIGHT: Parish development officer Shawn Branch**, during his Faith Formation presentation, with Paul Ranson and Chris Hayes. **RIGHT: Small group discussion**, with David Peer, Robert Taylor, David Barrett and Siobhan Laskey.



Diocesan Council highlights

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If the diocese raised \$25,000, it could apply to the Rotary District Club for matching funds. Once that is achieved, it could then apply for matching federal funding through CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) to make \$100,000. Once that is in place, it could apply to Rotary International for matching funds, meaning the original \$25,000 would become \$200,000, enough to purchase and equip a mobile clinic.

"That's nice math as far as I'm concerned," said Robbie, adding he met with the Rotary Club in Ho during his visit.

Robbie also met with a doctor in Ho who told him young doctors would be willing to man the clinic on days off to gain experience. There would probably be a patient user fee in place to help operate the clinic.

In nearby Guinea, a Rotary-funded hospital charges about \$5 to pay for the staff, medicines and lab work. The new mobile clinics in India will also rely on small user fees.

Another trip to Ho to help flesh out these projects will take place in early 2020.

PROPOSED CANON CHANGES

Chancellor David Bell outlined a few wording changes to Canon Six and Regulation 4-1 amendments on Regional Governance. One example is the need to put into Canon Six the directive that all parish corporations

retain their policies and certificates of liability insurance for not less than 60 years. Civil litigation can reach back several decades and the relevant insurance policy is the one in force when the incident occurred.

Another change directs parishes to include a list of all trusts and their restrictions at annual meetings.

"Parishes can lose touch with all those trusts and the terms of them," he said. "This change will keep these details in mind now."

He understands that the person doing the preparation for the next annual meeting will have much more work to include this change, but "once it's done it will be to everyone's advantage," he said.

DEEP ROOTS

Parish development officer and Deep Roots diocesan gathering organizer Shawn Branch reported on the June event. The diocese is planning a similar gathering in 2021. Because of the Anglican Foundation grant for this year's Deep Roots, there is now some seed money for the next one, he said.

FAITH FORMATION

Shawn led members in small group discussion, using this question: What opportunities do we need to be aware of as we look at being missional?

Some of the answers included branching out to the surrounding areas to see their needs; rekindling ecumenical partnerships; looking at what various parishes have done and what might

work elsewhere; being able to recognize needs; offering ourselves to the agencies in our communities instead of waiting for them to approach us; and making sure we know our community.

Shawn used an example from the Parish of St. George to illustrate his point. The parish approached the town council with this question: How can we bless you? What can we do for the community?

The answer was, while the mayor was away this summer, could someone weed the flower beds. That simple query has led to discussions of using the space at St. Mark's to hold community events.

SYNOD SECRETARY'S REPORT

David Peer reported on the search for new office space for the diocese, saying the current space is inaccessible both inside and out, and with a heritage designation, there is little ability to make alterations.

He is exploring two paths: space at Christ Church (Parish) Church and a straight lease in an office building.

David also noted a new location for the 137th Diocesan Synod planned for Nov. 2 — Journey Wesleyan Church at 131 Duncan Lane, off Prospect Street West. With one level, no stairs, lots of space and plenty of parking, it's user-friendly and spacious, he said.

He outlined the Greater Chapter Meetings coming up in October, noting that each Greater Chapter will be voting for representatives to Diocesan Council. Both Synod lay chair Sandra

Craft and Finance chair Gil Carter have reached their term limits on council.

Either Shawn Branch or Bishop David will attend each of the seven meetings, he said.

MOTIONS

Moved and passed that Diocesan Council extend an invitation to the Westside Anglican Mission to send their two identified delegates, Ann Stone and Margaret Ann Reid, or their alternate, Judy May Gallant, if one of the delegates is unable to attend, to the Nov. 2 meeting of Diocesan Synod.

Moved and passed that Diocesan Council recommend to Diocesan Synod that Canon Six – Parish Governance be amended as proposed.

Moved and passed that Diocesan Council approve Regulation 4-1 Regional Governance as circulated.

Moved and passed that Diocesan Council receive the 2018 reviewed Financial Statements and Review Engagement Report as presented.

Moved and passed that Diocesan Council approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee that an interest rate of two per cent per annum be paid on parish investments and diocesan funds in the DCIF for the six-month period from July to December 2019 with the intent to provide bonus interest if the market conditions warrant.

The next meeting of Diocesan Council will be Saturday, Nov. 30 during the council retreat at Villa Madonna.

Deep Roots makes a deep impact

Part III

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Editor’s note: The Deep Root diocesan gathering was a 24-hour event, with three keynote addresses, two messages from the bishop and two special guest speakers. This is the third and final report on the gathering, which includes Michael Frost’s third keynote address. Previous reports appeared in the September and October editions of the New Brunswick Anglican.

The Deep Roots diocesan gathering was held June 14 and 15 at UNB with about 150 people attending. Special guest speakers were the Rev. Lisa Vaughn, parish vitality co-ordinator in the Diocese of NS & PEI, and the Rev. Renée Embree, director of youth and family ministries for the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada.

The keynote speaker, who delivered three keynotes, was the much anticipated the Rev. Dr. Michael Frost, the Australian author of “Surprise the World,” a book many Anglicans are familiar with after having studied his concept called BELLS last year. It was also introduced at Diocesan Synod 2017.

FINAL KEYNOTE

Michael’s third keynote address took place on Saturday afternoon. He began by explaining how to overcome the divisions between denominations.

“Mission transcends theological differences,” he said. “It’s the great equalizer among Christian churches. It covers a multitude of denominational ‘sins.’”

Societal changes have also made those differences inconsequential to many.

“The old days are gone,” he said. “There used to be a massive gulf between Catholic and protestant, but kids today don’t give a s... about that. No one cares. What are we to quibble about? Partnerships are absolutely essential.”

In Manley, Australia, after a terrible accident that injured children in a daycare, the community was awash with sympathy, good will and a need to reach out. That momentum led to a sister relationship with a town in Indonesia. Michael’s church was heavily involved.

This relationship helped lift 1,000 families out of poverty by offering micro-loans. In turn, they taught the Australians about the advantages of intergenerational living. It went on for four years and had great participation and much success.

But Michael had a challenge for the audience to work on creating the reign

of God here and now, where everyone has enough, no one is excluded, and everyone has justice.

“The mayor talked to me and said, ‘You don’t get anything out of it. It doesn’t benefit you or your church at all.’ So do people in your town think you wouldn’t do anything that didn’t benefit you?”

“We’re not left-leaning liberals,” he said. “We’re just of God, and access and equity are essential to what the reign of God looks like.”

‘PULL THEM IN’

Michael told the story from Edmonton, Alberta, where shots were fired into a home in a residential neighbourhood. It was a warning to the family of a man who wasn’t living there at the time.

Everyone was on edge, calling for this family move out and take their troubles with them. Two Christian families called a meeting in a church to discuss the issue, and lots of people came ready to make their demands.

But something different happened. These two families suggested that instead of pushing them out, they pull them close, surround them with love and support, and encourage them to stay.

“Isn’t that what reconciled people do? When they see things falling apart, they

step in. That should be our thing,” said Michael.

He likened our world to a derelict building with blackened, filthy windows. Outside, the sunrise is amazing, but you can’t see it. What do you do? You clean the window.

“It takes time because there are years of grime. But you allow people to see something more of the reign of God. You don’t make the reign of God, you allow people to see it,” he said.

‘THERE IS YOUR CHURCH’

His final story was of his teaching visit to Cambodia where many in the audience were older ministers. But there was one at the back of the room unlike all the others — younger, dressed in leather and sunglasses. He did not fit it at all.

The meeting room was above a bakery and the heat was oppressive. During a break, Michael went to the balcony for some air, and this man, Abraham, followed him out.

It turns out that Abraham had been a smuggler, a thug and a thief. A competitor in the underworld had ratted him out, and the police were on their way. He escaped through a window and hid out. But while hiding, he was converted.

This totally unchurched former criminal began going to church. He didn’t

know he couldn’t smoke or ask questions during the service. His ignorant behaviour pained the leaders, who suggested he go to bible college.

So he did. He studied, found a wife, graduated and was about to have a baby. But he could not find a church. No one wanted to hire the young pastor dressed in leather and sunglasses.

“He cried out, ‘What do you want from me, Jesus? I can’t go back to crime but you won’t open a door for me.’ God answered in the most terrible way,” said Michael.

As all this was happening, a government convoy rumbled by, on its way to a nearby community. He got on his motorbike and followed. What he found was the quick, brutal resettlement of a community, because the government wanted the land. Everyone was ordered to collect their belongings and get in the trucks.

As they left, Abraham followed them — to swamp land much less valuable than what they’d just left. The people got out and the drivers threw corrugated metal out with them to build shelter.

“And a voice within Abraham said, ‘there is your church,’” said Michael.

Abraham drove home and told his wife, ‘I found a job!’ He brought his pregnant wife to their new village. He cajoled his bible college buddies and their churches to come and help drain the land. He signed up doctors and dentists to come to the village to serve his

people. He developed relationships with missionaries from the United States.

And at the end of their conversation, Abraham asked Michael if he’d like to visit the village.

“There is no place on earth I’d rather be,” was Michael’s answer.

“This village has a church, a school, shops. It’s one of the most beautiful missional projects I’ve ever seen,” he said.

“This is justice, reconciliation, beauty — the reign of Christ! It begs the question: what the h... are you doing with all your resources?”

There is a postscript to Abraham’s story. A warlord showed up to announce that he was taking the land, now that it was dry, productive and valuable. Abraham told him he would have to run him over in the road to do it. So then he offered Abraham a large church in the city to walk away.

“You know there’s a devil when you’re offered a church to leave the church,” said Michael.

TOOLBOX SESSIONS AND MORE

Besides the speakers, the gathering included toolbox sessions where people could choose from among those offered: Godly Play, stewardship, youth ministry, social enterprise & the Church, and using the BCP as a personal discipleship tool.



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PHOTO CAPTIONS:

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER AS a diocesan family.

Keynote speaker and Surprise the World author Michael Frost speaks.

The Ven. Cathy Laskey (sitting on the floor at left) leads a toolbox breakout session on Godly Play.

The Anglican Foundation was a financial supporter of the diocesan gathering.

ing people are,” he said. “It seems like people are already engaged. We’re grateful to have the opportunity.”

Before leaving the Maritimes, Michael led a day of missional training at Hillside Baptist Church in Moncton, where ministers and lay people from around the region attended.

WHAT ATTENDEES HAD TO SAY ABOUT DEEP ROOTS
Kathy Asch, Parish of Woodstock

I was not surprised in the world of gathering NB Anglicans as we settled down into our weekend Deep Roots conference. I was uplifted! I knew I was going to be educated, inspired and encouraged in my missional learning.

I was so excited that Michael Frost was coming; and that he was going to deliver not one, but three keynote addresses, but I had no expectation of how well everything else was going to fit in.

Our times of worship, Bishop David’s messages and reflections, our special guest speakers and their presentations, plus the Toolbox session that I chose, all shared the same common ground Michael Frost was walking on. Everything fit in weirdly well.

How will I live out my uplifted Christian faith in my community now?

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“SHARING HOPE & HELP”

RURAL NEW BRUNSWICK

Surviving — dare we say thriving? — in rural New Brunswick



'We cannot tell anyone that God does not love them'

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Editor's note: This is Part IV in a series on rural parish ministry in the diocese. There are two common beliefs held by some that this series on rural parishes will challenge: that rural parishes are one step away from dying, and that mission work is predominately done in urban areas.

The New Brunswick Anglican visited with members of the Parish of Hillsborough Riverside in August. This two-point parish sits in the south-east corner of the province out of the way of major thoroughfares. But that quirk of geography has opened up a new ministry in the parish.

The desire to be the hands and feet of God has a long history in the Parish of Hillsborough Riverside. In fact, it began at least a century ago with a pack peddler named Isaac Selick who frequented the village of Hillsborough selling his wares.

"He was a Polish Jew, not used to being treated very politely by Christians," said John Whitmore, warden of St. Mary's Anglican Church.

One extremely cold win-

ter, the Anglican and Baptist churches in the village carried him through, meeting his needs for food and shelter during the brutality of the season, said John.

Isaac and his family eventually ran successful coal and hardware businesses in Moncton, but they never forgot the kindness shown to Isaac.

Upon his death in 1968, the family presented a gold menorah to each of the two Hillsborough churches as a symbol of their gratitude. As John likes to say, "We're one of very few Christian churches around here with a menorah!"

AN ACCEPTING CHURCH

That attitude of love and caring for everyone, most especially those in need, is a hallmark of the parish. They live it out in virtually all they do. Their 2017 parish profile includes these final words: "We are, in all sorts of ways, an accepting church. We cannot tell anyone that God does not love them."

The Rev. Barb Haire leads this small parish, assisted by the Rev. Rob Salloum, who serves three parishes — this one, plus St. Philip's and St.

Andrew's in Moncton.

The main parish church, St. Mary's in Hillsborough, is 25 kilometres from Riverview. St. Alban's is a seasonal church in Riverside-Albert, another 30 km south towards the Bay of Fundy.

When John first came to the village as a young teacher in 1972, there were a couple dozen parishioners. Over the years, people have come and gone, but these days they average around 30 people on a Sunday — not bad when you consider the huge loss of local industry and the cultural trends.

GEOGRAPHY

The parish has found itself in the middle of a unique geographic situation and they've made a mission out of it.

Here's how: Hillsborough's main street is lined with many large, older homes and a few businesses, but as industry died, these homes and businesses got carved up into multiple apartments. Many have attracted tenants from Moncton because the rents are cheaper in the village.

As well, many are subsidized by government. In fact,

the village has more than 50 low-income housing units — a ready-made mission field.

One of their most important missions began with a plan to have a parish potluck get-together.

"Why don't we invite the neighbours?" someone asked, and their monthly meals were born.

"We started at the Legion," said Barb. "We cooked a great big pork roast and had six take-outs."

The second month, they had 24 take-outs, but again, no one stayed to chat. The third month they had about 35 take-outs and six people stayed.

"After that, it just took off," she said.

"What I find really cool is people now are bringing food," said Rob. "They're contributing."

THE UNDERGROUND NETWORK

Some of that success can be attributed to the efforts of Peter Jubb, Barb's husband. He took around flyers to announce the meals, and delivered the take-out orders. At first, it took 30 minutes to do the route. Now it takes three

hours, because Peter has made a lot of friends.

"There's this underground network where they share news — pregnancies, breakdowns, medical issues — and it's an opportunity to help with all that," he said.

"If we started evangelizing at the door, they'd slam it, but they've basically accepted us for what we are. In many ways the meal is secondary to the relationships."

Now the parish hosts a meal for about 50 people each month, said Barb, adding they outgrew the Legion and then the museum, and now host it at the Kiwanis Club, which gives the space for free "because they like what we're doing."

The needs are great, and the network knows to call Peter — to help equip a mom about to give birth, move a family to a new place, take a person to the doctor, pay for medications, pay an overdue power bill, provide food in emergencies, find needed furniture, and so on. And the whole parish gets involved, as was the case when the call went out for baby

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RURAL NEW BRUNSWICK

'The church will continue'**Rural continued from page 11**

items. The church basement was awash with everything a new baby could possibly need.

"Through this community meal, all these things have resulted," said Barb.

In that same spirit, the parish, along with other churches and supporters in the region, welcomed a Syrian refugee family to Hillsborough in 2016. They support the local food bank with donations of food and cash. Each month they support the Sistema Program, a music education initiative at the local school.

They do the same for the local Boys & Girls club. And they run a breakfast program at the local school.

FINANCES

"It seems like just yesterday we were struggling to keep our heads above water," said Stephen Marshall, vestry member at St. Albans.

So how do they fund all this outreach? To hear them tell it, God's in charge of all the fundraising.

There is no budget for outreach. The money is just there, said Barb — ever since they became more concerned with what was going on outside their doors than inside them.

"Once we stopped worrying, it changed our whole attitude," said Barb.

"We're quite relaxed about the future of the church," said John. "We don't care if we don't have money."

They've had some costly repairs in the past few years — new roofs for the two churches and a new furnace at St. Mary's — all paid for.

"We were in the process of major drainage work around the church and in the meantime, a \$10,000 cheque

arrived as a bequest from a lady we'd never heard of," said John. "The church will continue."

The ACW no longer supports the church because the need is not there.

"We have a very active ACW," said church warden Veronica Locke. "We have three new members. We do a lot of outreach and give away our money. We have two bazaars a year. Last year we raised \$3,000 and gave it all away."

SECOND TIME AROUND

Rob is not exactly a stranger to the parish. He was its priest from 2003-09, and returned in 2018. It's a bit like coming home, times two, since his great-grandfather, Roy Gonder, was a Baptist minister in the village in the 1950s.

"So I was delighted to return," he said. "It really is a delight to be back here."

He presides twice a month, and Peter, Barb and John take turns preaching when Rob's duties keep him in Moncton. Veronica often leads the services. St. Albans has a service once a month from April to December. It's a highly structured schedule that works for them.

THE DRIVE TO CHURCH

Though the parish strives to create a healthy, inclusive community, most of its members do not live there.

"Most people who come here are from the outside — Alma to Moncton," said Veronica, who drives from the city to attend church. "There are only two or three couples that are in the vicinity."

"But it's that kind of church," she said. "It's where you want to be."

Stephen feels the same way.

"I've never been in a church where everyone, down to the last person, gets along. That's part of the success of the church."



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ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, COMPLETED IN 1889, was designed by JTC McKean of McKean & Fairweather of Saint John, the same firm that built Saint John City Market. The menorah was donated by the Selick family in 1968.

OPPOSITE PAGE: From left, the Rev. Barb Haire, Stephen Marshall, John Whitmore, Peter Jubb, Veronica Locke and the Rev. Rob Salloum outside St. Mary's.

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DEEP ROOTS

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I was surprised, though, how often and long and loudly I laughed, how deeply the stories that were shared moved me, and how much the world, starting with our communities, needs us as disciples to sing Amazing Grace...all 25 verses...when all other alerting methods have been tried. (OK...you needed to be there to understand!)

It can be as simple as that to announce and demonstrate our mission, as God's people, to alert everyone everywhere to the universal reign of God through Christ; to proclaim the reconciliation, justice, beauty, and wholeness that flows out of His reign.

I left our gathering enriched with examples of human kindness and ways to be personally involved in service and mission. I left with a heart full of gratitude.

Shawn and his team provided for us in every way. (Thank you, Marsh Insurance, for my copy of "Keep Christianity Weird" too! More Michael Frost is a good thing.)

Ann Deveau, Christ Church Cathedral

It was a real gift to hear directly from Michael Frost who is a brilliant storyteller and passionate preacher.

He painted vivid word pictures, spiced with humour and grounded in scripture, as he taught us about the reign of God (justice, peace, reconciliation, wholeness, beauty).

Repeatedly, he urged us toward bold action, clear speech and firm partnerships to achieve it here and now.

I found that his three talks on mission were compelling, and some of his provocative questions stuck with me such as:

- What habits are required to propel you outward to help care for the least and the lost?
- Where is the reign of God not being seen in your town?
- What are you going to do about it?
- To whom have you been sent?

My hope is that people who attended Deep Roots will eagerly share what they learned

RIGHT: THE REV. CANON CHRIS VANBUSKIRK leads a toolbox breakout session on the BCP as a personal discipleship guide.

BELOW RIGHT: The toolbox session on social enterprise was well attended.

BELOW: Gina & Eddie Quann, seated, man a table outlining their ministry called the Rag Doll project, which highlights the issue of human trafficking.



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and seriously take up the kingdom-building challenge in their home parishes, spilling outside the church walls to bring hope and healing in a troubled world.

Joni Richardson, Parish of St. George

I am so glad I went. The whole thing was so well put together and organized. I was challenged to live my faith in a way I had not been before. Michael's own stories and experiences made it very impacting and challenging.

I have already made changes since arriving home and will continue to. I am not the same as I was prior to Deep Roots.

How could I be after being made aware of how vanilla my walk was?

I was so encouraged to see the varying ages and those who were traditional and those who were contemporary come together with one heart and one voice in worship. To hear everyone's voices in that place was a powerful blessing for me.

Eva Morton, Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis

Michael Frost is a compelling and charismatic speaker. I enjoyed his style. I also appreciated the "personal

touch," with his anecdotal illustrations. He was indeed "witnessing" to what he had experienced when God is at work in us.

The message itself, that the Kingdom of God is here today, isn't new. N.T. Wright, Dallas Willard, and others have been preaching that message for a while, but his examples of how we, as ordinary believers, can be active participants in its growth and influence was helpful.

The conference was a nice follow-up for those of us who read the book, "Surprise the World," last year.

I especially liked his description of the "street pastor" ministry, what he described as "ordaining ordinary people."

It was a practical, doable contribution to the betterment of community life. It reminded me of our Bishop Edward's having opened up Bishop's Court to the homeless last winter.

The Cambodian pastor's story was a good example of being attentive to God's leading and being obedient to that leading without hesitation.

His willingness to ask others to participate (eg, doctors, dentists, engineers, etc.) reminded me of Bishop Lem-

mon's work in the founding of Camp Brookwood.

I like that we were presented with practical advice and realistic goals. So many times after attending events like this, one can come home feeling overwhelmed by the enormity of the problems facing us.

The tendency is to beat up on ourselves and instead of energizing, ends up depressing us.

I liked what the bishop had to say as well. I agree that tactics like the "Four Spiritual Laws" and "Friendship Evangelism" are out of date.

If the Church is not making a practical difference in the world, what good are we?

This is a question I have often asked myself over the last few years. If it makes absolutely no difference whether or not Christians are living in a community, then why are we here?

For example, how many of our churches are still using styrofoam cups and single use plastics? I have to admit, I was disappointed to see plastic cups at the conference, without an opportunity to recycle them.

I liked the "Deep Dive" presentations. Again, not necessarily new, but well-presented and encouraging.

My brother, a United Church minister, has been inviting children and adolescents to preach, pray, and design worship services for a few years now, and these children grow up with a genuine investment in church life. It follows, of course, that they are growing in their faith at the same time.

I liked examples given of people who gradually became believers by first being engaged by practical aspects of "kingdom living."

I like the "belong-believe-behave/become" reversal of the traditional notion of church growth, described by both Renee Embree and Michael Frost.

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Michael Frost is an Australian missiologist, vice-principal of Morling College and the founding director of the Tinsley Institute, a mission study centre located at Morling College in Sydney, Australia. He has authored or edited 12 popular Christian books, including "Surprise the World." He is a teacher, international speaker and church planter, launching the missional community, Small Boat Big Sea, in Sydney in 2002.

PARISH NEWS

A ladies retreat in Rogersville

On Friday Sept. 27, a group of ladies from the Parish of Newcastle-Nelson-Hardwick, later called the “Belles of St. Andrews” ventured down to Rogersville at the Lady Calvary Monastery for a weekend retreat led by the Rev. Rose Steeves.

The theme for the weekend was **CHANGE** —choosing honestly allows new growth every day.

The time of year was beautiful with Mother Nature displaying a colourful variety of trees to enjoy.

Father Beade was there to welcome us and give us a key to our rooms, which were very comfortable. Each woman found a small gift in their room.

The retreat was based on Galatians 5:22-25 — The Fruit of the Spirit. We read each one, discussed it and meditated on each one. Great conversations and a wonderful feeling of peace were surely in that place.

Meals were prepared for us and they were delicious. On Saturday we were served



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

RETREAT PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED Olive Trevors, Greta Laws, Dawn Bell, Laura O'Donnell, Carol-Anne Smythe, Deacon Rose Steeves, Kathy Page, Vicky Richards, Barb Stinson and Colleen Nisbett. At right, the beauty of nature in the Rogersville area.



a wonderful roast beef dinner with gravy and the works.

After a big meal, everyone went on a nature walk outside to enjoy the fresh air and the beauty and peacefulness of the property around the monastery.

We were amazed at the soothing sound of the waterfall, the calmness of the lake

and all the scenes that displayed the beauty and goodness of our God.

Some of the ladies were able to shop without going out of the building. Items are made right there by the monks — jams, honey, apple cider, apples and pottery.

Our final touch on the

weekend was participating in a Holy Communion service in the chapel. Then we headed home with feelings of love, joy, peace, patience and kindness.

Some comments from those who attended:

“It was so good to get away and enjoy the peace and quiet.”

“I really felt closer to God

and all my worries and fears just seemed to fade away.”

“Just to get away from the busyness and relax with my sisters in Christ.”

All of us were “changed,” and someone suggested that we make this an annual event. Good idea!

Submitted by Rose Steeves.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO HATS?



A century ago, it would have been unthinkable for a woman to attend church without her hat. Hats were a fashion statement, and a sign of a respectable, well-dressed woman. Men, too, wore hats as a matter of everyday dress. While men always removed their hats upon entering church, women kept theirs on.

But what happened to the custom of hat wearing? In our estimation, by the 1970s, hat wearing was on the wane. But why?

Do you have a story about a favourite hat you wore to church? How many hats did a woman have? And what was the catalyst that saw the near demise of wearing a hat to church?

We'd love to hear from readers on this subject. This topic was suggested by the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove, who wondered what ever became of the hat-wearing tradition.

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137th Diocesan Synod

Saturday, November 2

VENUE CHANGE: Journey Wesleyan Church, 131 Duncan Lane, Fredericton, off Prospect Street West



A prayer for synod: Almighty God, giver of all and ruler of all that is seen and unseen; we ask for continual divine grace to your Church and especially to this Session of Diocesan Synod. May we walk in your way, leading lives worthy of our calling, in humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love and maintaining the unity of your Spirit in the bond of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Game Changer in Bethlehem

How one life transformed what it means to be human

2019 Advent Series

with Bishop Bill Hockin & Friends

Monday, Dec. 2: Finding My Best Self - Ancestry-Jesus, with Bill Hockin

Monday, Dec. 9: A Grace that Goes Viral, with Dr. Barry Craig

Monday, Dec. 16: Bridging the Gaps, with the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove

12:15-1 p.m. - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Fredericton

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Blessing of the Animals

Oct. 6, at Naskwaak Villa in the Parish of Stanley, the Rev. Canon Bonnie LeBlanc spent the afternoon blessing animals of all sorts



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: WALTER LONG with his 3-year-old dog, Emmett; the Rev. Canon Bonnie LeBlanc blesses Jessie, 12, held by her owner, Katie Long. With them are Sophie Long and her grandmother, Wendy Maher; Bonnie blesses Bonnie the donkey with Jim, her handler, looking on; Bonnie blesses Stewart the cat, held by owner the Rev. Lyn Hughes, minister at the Presbyterian Church in Stanley; Bonnie blesses Breeze, 12, held by Julie Anderson. Bonnie took care to stroke and speak to each animal, thanking the horses for allowing children to ride them, and thanking the dogs, donkey, goat, horses and cat for being faithful companions.



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The Blessing of the Animals



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: BONNIE blesses Bitsy, 4, held by owner Melody O'Neill; Great Pyrenees dogs Bromlie and Warwick, or is it Warwick and Bromlie, owned by Ann Wetherilt; Stewart looking somewhat wary upon arrival; Sophie the Havanese pup; Jeff Long holds Rebel, 31, Julie Anderson holds Breeze and Claire hold Oreo the goat as Bonnie blesses the animals, saying, "Fellow creature, friend and companion, may God your creator preserve, defend and keep you and bless your life in this family's home."



"SHARING HOPE & HELP"

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'Great things are happening on our horizon'

Phase I of Trinity steeple restoration is complete

BY STEVEN SCRIBNER

The present Loyalist Parish of Saint John, Trinity Church, dates back to 1880. Its predecessor and the original Anglican Loyalist Parish of Saint John, built in 1790, was lost to the Great Fire of 1877.

Behind the scaffold, this fine 140-year-old "grande dame" is presently the recipient of careful craftsmanship securing its reverential and commanding skyline position over our city for future generations.

The past four years have seen the collective efforts expended by parish members of the Trinity Corporation in determining the extent of decades of seasonal deterioration which have inevitably occurred to her magnificent stone work. The dividends of their combined intentions have been realized in Phase 1 of reconstruction this past summer.

No such undertaking could ever be accomplished without the help of many "angels."

Trinity is extremely fortunate to have partnered with two experienced local and heritage stonework engineering firms, Fundy Engineering Ltd. (foundation and material testing) and Estabrooks Engineering Ltd. (structural consultants), each with a clear knowledge of the degree of effort required for a long-lasting restoration.

Their collective input, along with a steeple tower core and subsequent visual inspection/

mapping, created the comprehensive set of detailed construction drawings required to host bids for the actual restoration work.

As the work required mastery of skills above and beyond those of a present-day bricklayer, Trinity was doubly blessed to meet with members of the very highly experienced stone contracting firm of Coastal Restoration & Masonry.

The scaffold was erected and work on the two more ravaged faces (south and east) commenced April 15.

Some of the complexities of such a restoration include: face repointing, grout replacement, and in some areas, replacement of a number of the vintage sections of limestone which must be cut to exact dimensions, not to mention the skill and equipment required to shape and install intricate sandstone shapes in the cornice and arches of the 1880 architectural design. Yes, there are highly skilled angels behind the scaffold.

The Trinity Corporation holds bi-weekly construction update meetings with meeting minutes logged and distributed to all stakeholders. As a result of a well-defined project scope, supported with accurate drawings and contract details, there have been few contract extras associated with the progress.

We are forever grateful to the many invested corporations, the Diocese, neighbours and parishioners who have supported the Trinity Steeple Restoration to date, making Phase 1 such a success.

The ongoing excellent relationship with our con-

tractor, Coastal Restoration & Masonry, and our support contractors, Fundy Engineering & Estabrooks Engineering Ltd., have made this project an enjoyable experience, and we are eager to see Phase 2 in 2020, where the remaining two faces, West and North, will be addressed.

The fundraising goal for Phase 2 – 2020 construction is set at \$385,000.

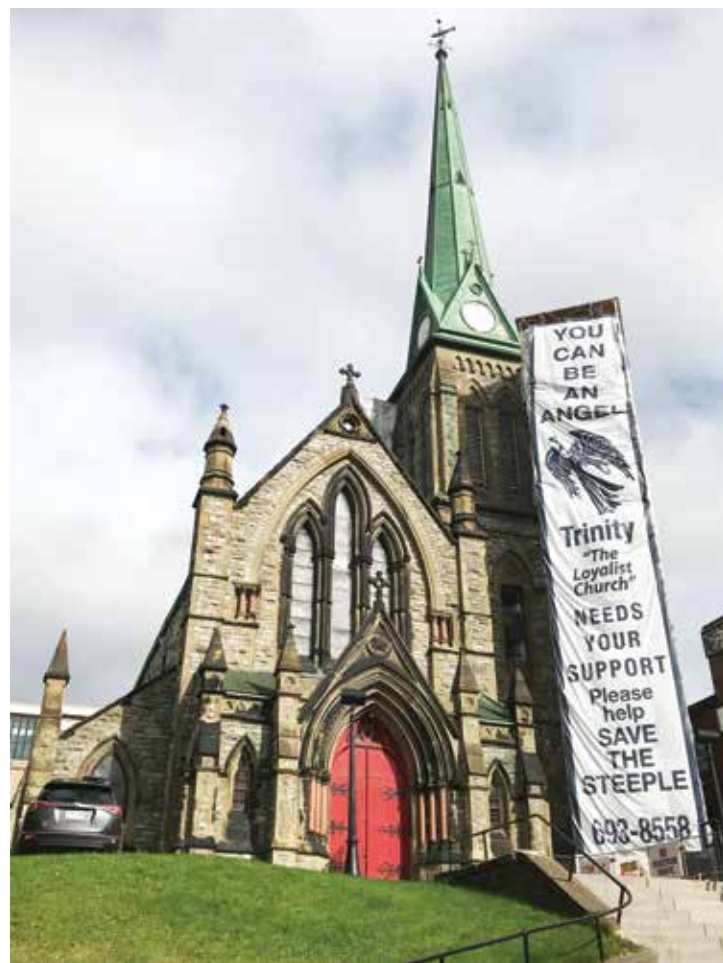
A banner stating "YOU CAN BE AN ANGEL," designed by Trinity parishioner JoAnne Rivers, has been affixed to the scaffold announcing Phase 2 fundraising is underway.

Since the unveiling of the Trinity 'Angel' banner, there has been much interest within the greater Saint John community which has inspired significant interest in financial support for the future preservation of the fine architecture that citizens and tourist alike enjoy.

There have been a number of fundraisers, including an evening when Trinity opened its red doors to an old-fashioned kitchen party and gospel evening.

Plans are in place to continue the annual winter concert series following the strong support of last year's fabulous Theresa Malenfant/Scott Medford evening. Stay tuned for future information on this February 2020 event.

We offer a very special thank-you to David Goss for his bi-weekly 2019 Summer Sounds and Stories series which featured a blend of historical talks, various musical offerings and some more current travel experiences to a faithful following.



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CORPORATIONS, NEIGHBOURS, PARISHIONERS and the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton are all credited with helping to make Phase I of the steeple restoration a success, says Steven Scribner.

The importance of protecting and maintaining this grand historic site and its architecture is rooted deeply in the hearts of all those who reside or carry strong connections with the City of Saint John.

For Trinity, it runs even deeper. It is imperative that we sustain our United Empire Loyalist founding parish in order that the ongoing mission of Christ's Church will be there for all generations to come.

With humble gratitude and blessings to all you "angels" who have supported this

campaign, Trinity invites all to contribute as they can to preserving both the history of the Anglican Church and the ongoing ministries reaching outward to strengthen the greater Saint John Community.

Donations can be made to the Trinity Steeple Restoration Capital Campaign, 115 Charlotte St. Saint John NB E2L 2J2 or by calling the church office: 506-693-8558.

The Rev. Steven G. Scribner is the incumbent and priest-in-charge in the Parish of Saint John.

Foundation was visionary sponsor at Synod

The Anglican Foundation accepted the invitation to be this year's Visionary Sponsor for General Synod 2019 in Vancouver.

This made it possible for AFC to have a significant profile at the Synod with a vibrant presentation from its executive director, Judy Rois and executive administrator, Scott Brubacher.

They also set up a creatively designed display showcasing

the breadth of ministry supported by Foundation donors across the country.

During the presentation, Judy asked delegates to stand if they had ever received funding from the Foundation, and close to the entire gathering of some 300 people stood. It was a moment that needed no words to convey the incredible generosity of donors to the Anglican Foundation.

AFC produced 25 short

video clips from all across the country featuring grant recipients and donors who spoke of the importance and transforming impact AFC had made in their faith communities.

As one of the invited speakers at the celebration dinner for retiring Primate, the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Judy said, "We will remember you as a faithful ambassador, a gracious peacemaker, and unflappable chair of synods and councils and

commissions.

"We thank you for serving the Church. You did it superbly well. You did it bravely and conscientiously. You did it with a deep and abiding grace. Thank you for being the chair of the Anglican Foundation. Thank you for being a good and faithful Primate."

It was a lovely tribute to a man who chaired AFC for his entire primacy.



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THE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION'S booth at General Synod in July.

If you had never heard of the Anglican Foundation before General Synod, its presence at General Synod this year changed that for sure!

MUSIC COLUMN

Zack Williams brings the “gritty” on *Rescue Story*

Southern Rock doesn't get too much of an audience around popular Christian music, likely because southern gospel takes up all the “southern” flare and space.

Zack Williams is not your typical Christian music artist making it big today; he comes from Arkansas, rather than a music centre like Nashville; he grew up in a stable, church-centred, loving family where things were safe, yet his life took some dark turns; and he is not a young, 20-something new kid on the block.

Zack has lived life, hard at times, having known addictions, missed opportunities and love lost and found. His music lives and breathes this reality.

Rescue Story, recently released, is a much-anticipated follow-up to the massively successful *Chain Breaker*, whose title track and song, “Old Church Choir” each spent over 10 weeks on at #1 on many music charts, breaking records in the process.



It's a hard thing for an artist to have success right out of the gate as Zach has done with his new music career. The pressure from critics, record labels, and some of the fans can be tremendous, as you are constantly compared to your earlier work, yet new things are expected.

There is a gritty, worn, kind of “many miles travelled” sound that translates from the first album to this new one.

The lead track, “Walk With You,” shows this plainly. Everything in this song is Zach Williams in a nutshell — a great song with good lyrics, good guitar playing, a husky voice that sings very well.

But this second album is definitely not like his first one. I say this, yet Williams knows

who butters his bread, so to speak. “Less Like Me” might, for some, recall the aforementioned “Old Church Choir” in its swinging, old-time feel.

Fans of old Hammond B3 organs will enjoy this track immensely, for it is featured here and on several other tunes.

While *Rescue Story* does not seem the collection of individual hit songs as the first album did, the music on this

new project is still captivating, churning along with the slow burn of soul, rock, and a bit of gospel, all mixed together.

“Stand Up” has the groove, the soulful horn section, the backup singers, the great melody, and the memorable style of a classic song that is bound to get stuck in your head.

If all this wasn't enough, Dolly Parton shows up for a song with Zack, called “There

was Jesus.” Without being too showy, the two of them pair incredibly well together, yet take a back seat to the lyric, the subject of the song.

The album finishes off with two traditional southern hymns, “Baptized” and “Face To Face.” Not a bad way to end a great album like this.

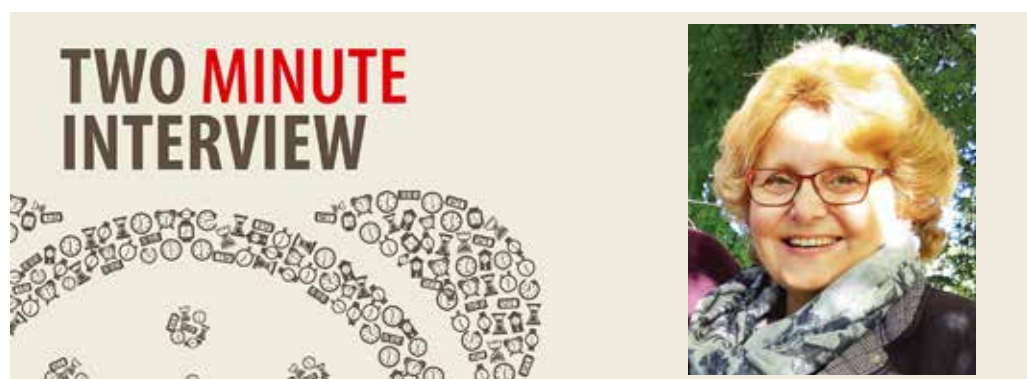
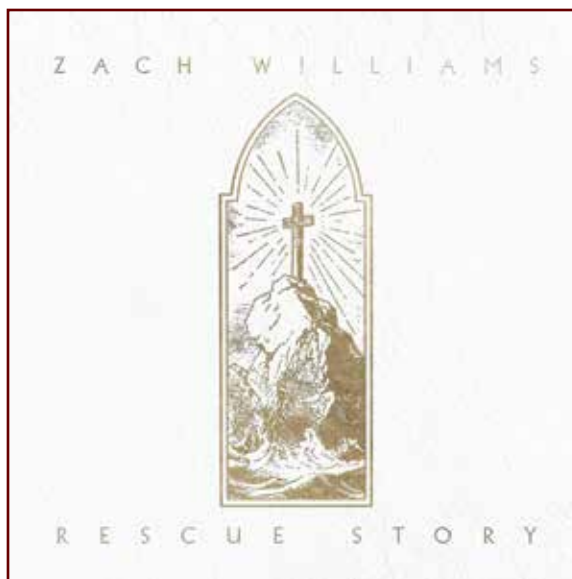
Should you run out and get this album? If you like music with soul, with variety, with some thinking behind it, then yes — absolutely yes.

There is power in the lyrics; there is soul in the music; there are foot-stomping grooves and melodies to whistle.

There are tunes to get stuck in your head, and there is great storytelling along the way.

Zach Williams has earned a staying spot for years to come.

The Rev. Chris Hayes is a musician as well as a priest serving in the Parish of Salisbury and Havelock.



Debbie Collicott, retired teacher, diocesan layreader, fiancée of Bishop David

Favorite Book in the Bible: The Gospel of St. John

Birthplace: Halifax, N.S.

What you love most about God: The Incarnation — that through the Incarnation of Jesus we see both the exact representation of God and we see how to live as human beings, loving God and each other.

Favorite place on earth: I went to Niagara Falls for the first time two summers ago and was awed by its beauty.

Furthest you've been from home: Ephesus, in modern day Turkey

Favorite Meal: Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, when gathered with my family

Biggest fear: I have two...mice and deep water!

Hidden talent: Not so hidden, but my children and grandchildren say I am a great cookie maker, especially chocolate chip.

Favorite book: “No Future without Forgiveness” by South African Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Hobby: Since retiring, I have started walking daily (great spiritual discipline!)

Three things always in your fridge: Yogurt, apples, milk

Favorite sports team: Growing up, my brother and I shared a love of the Montreal Expos. Baseball, while still a great game, hasn't been the same since they left Montreal!

Episcopal Announcements



The Rev. Canon Stuart Allan has been appointed honorary assistant in the Parish of Rothesay.

Bishop David Edwards has accepted the resignation of **the Rev. Dr. John Paul Westin**, rector of the Parish of St. Mark (Stone Church in Saint John), effective Dec. 31.



**Canadian Youth
Worker
Conference
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The YIG Team would like to cover your costs with registration. Open to anyone! Contact the YIG Team
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HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DIOCESE

RIGHT: CHRIST CHURCH (PARISH) CHURCH IN Fredericton held an all-you-can-eat corn boil which included delicious desserts. It was held after the 10:30 service on Sept. 15. Doling out the corn is Darrell Butler.

MIDDLE: THE ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE WAS held at Villa Madonna in late September, with the clergy of the diocese gathering for fellowship and education. This year’s speaker was Canon Phil Potter.

BOTTOM: THE DEANERY OF ST. ANDREWS ACW gathered this fall for their annual meeting. In the first photo are Grand Manan ACW members Linda Cook, Linda Harvey and Betty Farnsworth. In the second photo are Archdeacon John Matheson with Lila Haughn (St. Andrews) and Roberta Allen (St. George).



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